State Electricity Boards Incurring Losses

4055. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:
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Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of State Electricity Boards which are incurring losses for the last several years;

(b) whether it is a fact that external financial assistance is not available for the State Electricity Boards;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps contemplated by the Government to check the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Eight SEBs - Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Assam - have been incurring losses continuously for the last 3 years; even after taking rural electrification subsidy into account.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) State Governments have been urged to improve the working results of Electricity Boards so as to yield the statutory minimum surplus of 3%. They have also been advised to take measures such as equity participation, provision of grants to meet the losses due to supply of power to the agricultural sector, timely revision of tariff, improving the performance of generating stations, reducing T&D losses, fixation of minimum agricultural power tariff of 50 paise/kwh etc.

It is also proposed to set-up five Regional Power Tariff Boards which will make recommendations to the State Govts. regarding fixation of rationalised tariffs.

[*Translation*]

Mujaffarpur Thermal Power Station

4056. SHRI SHIVA SHARAN SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether target was fixed for generating 660 M.W. power by setting up six units in Mugaffarpur Thermal Power Station, Kanti in North Bihar;

(b) whether only two units have been set up so far and instead of 220 M.W. only 50 M.W. is being generated;

(c) if so, by when all the units are likely to be set up and the reasons for generating lesser power therefrom; and

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a high level committee to enquire into the matter and take appropriate steps to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). The Bihar State Electricity Board has proposed to set up the Muzaffarpur Thermal Power Station with ultimate capacity of 970 MW envisaging installation of 2x110 MW under State-I, 2x250 MW under Stage-II and 1x250 MW under Stage-III.

The present installed capacity of the Mujaffarpur Thermal Power Station is 220 MW. During the month of November, 1991,